

Van cleaned the gravestone and installed a Marine Corps flag as part of his project. He then staged a reenactment of Quinn's funeral, drawing nearly 100 residents to take part in the educational event.

In addition to scouting, Van is editor of his school newspaper, sports editor of the yearbook, executive producer of the student-run television station, and vice-president of the Jefferson County High Student Government Association.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Van Aplegate for his commitment to historical preservation in West Virginia and congratulate him on becoming an Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY OF HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of the American Legion Family of Hudson post #48 in New Hampshire. The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion successfully hosted their Sixth Annual Halloween Haunted House to raise money for the community and to collect non-perishable items for local food baskets. Numerous volunteers bonded together over the course of 800 hours in efforts to successfully horrify all of the 787 "victims" who turned out for the event. Those who dared to enter were also able to munch on snacks and sample a taste of the witch's brew.

Proceeds for the Haunted House exceeded \$1,500 and will go directly back into the community for a variety of programs, ranging from scholarships for local students to cleaning area highways. They were also able to collect over 200 non-perishable items that will be distributed in food baskets for those less fortunate. Although the evening was cloaked in fright and horror, the kindness and thoughtfulness of a caring community shone through.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Hudson American Legion Family. Their dedication and devotion to helping their community is an example we can all be proud of.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR H.R. 3213, THE COMMISSION ON THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND REVIEW OF FEDERAL AGENCIES

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 3213, the Commission on the Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies (CARFA) Act.

The use of hard-earned taxpayer dollars on duplicative, inefficient, and failed federal agencies and programs is a serious problem facing our Nation today. Over and over, we see programs that are authorized by Congress become institutionalized; and then, though no longer necessary, they become a permanent

fixture receiving more tax dollars year after year. If we could cut out unnecessary programs, we would make a strong statement that we are serious about controlling government spending.

On October 1, 2003, Congressman TODD TIAHRT introduced the Commission on the Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies Act. This legislation would establish a presidentially-appointed commission to review domestic agencies and programs, making recommendations for the elimination of unnecessary programs. Congress would subsequently take an up-or-down vote on these recommendations.

As a strong supporter of eliminating wasteful spending, today I rise to add my support to this proposal by cosponsoring this important legislation. If enacted, the Act will help to ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability in the federal government. While Congress should always be dedicated to ensuring the maximum benefit of every tax dollar that comes to Washington, now more than ever Congress must take steps to assure taxpayers that their hard-earned money is being well spent.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting passage of the Commission on the Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies Act.

RECOGNIZING FRANK DEL OLMO

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following on behalf of myself, Ms. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. DENNIS CARDOZA, Ms. GRACE NAPOLITANO, and Ms. LINDA SÁNCHEZ. We stand to recognize the life of Mr. Frank del Olmo, a hero in the Latino community who recently passed away. He was not only a leader for Latinos in the State of California, but also an exceptional human being who exemplified the best in American journalism.

Mr. Del Olmo was an Associate Editor and columnist for the Los Angeles Times. An award-winning and nationally recognized writer, he wrote passionately about Latino issues in California for almost 34 years. More than an Editor and columnist, he was a politically driven activist whose powerful penmanship made him an innovative voice for Latinos, immigrants, and the less fortunate. He paved the way for other journalists and was highly revered by his colleagues for his pioneering work on the Latino community and the City of Los Angeles.

Representing a city with a large but much ignored Latino population, Mr. Del Olmo gained recognition for educating readers throughout the nation about issues affecting Latinos. He was honored with the Pulitzer Prize for Meritorious Public Service in 1984 for the L.A. Times series "Southern California's Latino Community." He was a Nieman fellow at Harvard University in 1987 and was inducted into the National Association of Hispanic Journalists' Hall of Fame in 2002. In 1972, he was a founding member of the California Chicano News Media Association. And in 1975, he won an Emmy Award for writing

The Unwanted, a documentary on illegal immigration.

Del Olmo was a bitter opponent of Proposition 187, a controversial California initiative in 1994, which denied basic government benefits to undocumented immigrants. Introduced by then Governor Pete Wilson and widely regarded as a discriminatory initiative, Mr. Del Olmo wrote a strong editorial piece, denouncing Governor Wilson and calling Proposition 187 "the mean-spirited and unconstitutional ballot initiative that would deprive 'apparent illegal aliens' of public health services and immigrant children of public education." He also helped correct injustices in Los Angeles County by uncovering corruption in municipal governments and touched the lives of countless families through his heart-felt columns on his son's battle with autism.

Born in Los Angeles in 1948 and a graduate of California State University, Northridge, Mr. Del Olmo suffered a heart attack and died on February 19, 2004. His wife, Magdalena, a daughter, Valentina, and his son Frankie survive him.

He will always be remembered for both his powerful voice and creative ability in depicting the best and, at times, the worst in today's society. Frank del Olmo will forever live in the hearts of L.A. Times readers, will forever be a hero in the Latino community, and will forever be a role model for future Latino leaders. We will miss Frank dearly and may he rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO MS. PATRICIA E. CLARK

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a constituent of mine, Ms. Patricia E. Clark, and commend her on her diligent and faithful 50-year-long service to the Federal Government.

Ms. Clark began her government career with the Department of the Navy, Washington, DC, in April 1954. Nine years later, in April 1963, she transferred to the Federal Aviation Administration and started work at the Boston Air Traffic Control Center, located in Nashua, New Hampshire, on the day it opened. She has worked at Boston Center continuously since that time. Currently she is the lead Aviation Assistant and works directly for the Air Traffic Manager.

Her outstanding work ethic and dedication to the FAA has earned Patty awards from the FAA Administrator, the Director of Air Traffic, and the Regional Air Traffic Division Manager. For the past 41 years, Patricia Clark has been an integral member of the Boston Center team.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Patricia E. Clark for her devoted service. Her dedication and commitment continues to provide safe and efficient air traffic service to the United States.